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Chairman Tom Coburn
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management
439 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Coburn:

I am writing in response to your letter dated July 27, 2006 regarding Congressional appropriations to Washington State University (WSU).

WSU has a strong relationship with each of the eleven offices of Washington State congressional delegation and works directly with the members and their staff to identify needs which are not served by competitive grant programs. Moreover, to ensure that only those initiatives which will advance WSU strategic educational and research objectives and state or national priorities are presented to our delegation, our appropriations requests are vetted through a rigorous internal institutional process before they are advanced to the members.

Below, please find our responses to your questions:

1. *Please provide a list of all appropriations received by your institution from the year 2000 to present, and the amount of assistance received.*

A spreadsheet is attached with the best readily available data of direct appropriations to WSU since 2000.

2. *Please provide a summary of the specific objectives or goals set to be achieved by any entity, program, project or service associated with an appropriation at your institution, and, for each appropriation, a list of accomplishments that can be attributed to the project, entity, program or service (e.g. published peer-reviewed research, etc., depending on the nature of the earmarks your institution has received.)*

This question is immense in its scope and would require much more time than allowed to provide a comprehensive response. In general, however, appropriations have met articulated regional and national needs, have enabled the institution to launch strategic research and educational programs, have resulted in technologies that have been moved into commerce, resulting in jobs not only in Washington, but in other parts of the nation, and have enabled research that leads to a more secure nation.

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3. *How does your institution set a measure for standards to achieve quality and outcomes for entities, programs, projects or services receiving assistance through earmarks or appropriations?*

WSU takes these processes seriously. First, we ensure that all reports required by the federal agency responsible for the distribution of direct appropriations are met. This is a contractual obligation. Next, as described above, our appropriations requests are vetted through a rigorous internal institutional process before they are presented to the delegation. Finally, WSU has implemented performance benchmarks for the institution and for each major area within the university. These benchmarks are reviewed regularly. Appropriation requests are designed to advance strategic goals, as measured by these benchmarks.

4. *Does your institution have a stated policy regarding Congressional earmarks or appropriations (if so, please describe)? Does your institution have a policy regarding partnering in research projects with other universities who may have a differing policy?*

No such policies are explicitly stated in official university policy documents.

5. *Has your institution considered hiring a lobbyist to assist your institution in attaining familiarity with the opportunities that may exist to obtain Federal funds for research – such as the earmarking process?*


Yes

6. *In conclusion, do you find congressionally earmarked funds to have contributed in a substantive way to your academic institution?*

Yes. As described in response to question 2, appropriations have enabled the institution to launch strategic research and educational programs, have resulted in technologies that have been moved into commerce, resulting in jobs not only in Washington, but in other parts of the nation, and have enabled research that leads to a more secure nation.

Thank you for your interest in Washington State University. If you have any further questions, please have your office contact Kristine Growdon, Director of Federal Relations or James Petersen, Vice Provost for Research.

Sincerely,



V. Lane Rawlins
President

Agriculture	2004	2005	Also Funded	2004	2005
CSREES - Research					
<i>Aegilops cylindricum</i> (jointed goat grass)	\$358,000	\$358,000			
Aquaculture	\$770,000	\$770,000	WA, ID		
Asparagus Technology and Production	\$250,000	\$250,000			
Competitiveness of Agriculture Products	\$652,000	\$652,000			
Cool Season Legume Research	\$569,000	\$569,000	WA, ID		
Food Security	\$401,000	\$401,000			
Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture	\$454,000	\$454,000	WA, OR, ID		
Organic Cropping	\$362,000	\$362,000			
Perennial Wheat	\$142,000	\$142,000			
Small Fruit Research	\$425,000	\$425,000	OR, WA, ID		
STEEP	\$645,000	\$645,000			
Wine Grape Foundation Block	\$325,000	\$325,000			
Wood Utilization	\$6,285,000	\$6,285,000	see 2004		
PM-10 Air Quality Study	\$390,000	\$390,000			
CSREES - Extension					
Diabetes Detection, Prevention	\$1,093,000	\$1,093,000			
Defense					
P3 Micro-Power Devices	\$1,436,100	\$1,436,100	Army		
Soldier Systems - Food Packaging Systems 6.2	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Army		
Porous Materials Research	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	ONR		
CADADIC					
Energy & Water					
Institute for Radiochemistry					
Northwest Regional Native American project	\$250,000	\$250,000			
Center for Distributed Generation and Thermal Distribution					
Transportation					
Infrastructure Renewal Research					
Pacific Northwest Freight Mobility Research	\$500,000	\$500,000	WA, ND		
VA/ HUD					
Beach Watchers	\$250,000	\$250,000			

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Agriculture	2003	Also Funded	2001	Also Funded
CSREES - Research				
Agripis Cylindricum (jointed goat grass)	\$383,000			
Aquaculture	\$775,000	WAID	\$285,000	
Asparagus Technology and Production	\$280,000		\$225,000	
Competitiveness of Agriculture Products	\$680,000		\$680,000	
Cool Season Legume Research	\$336,000	ID, WA	\$329,000	ID, WA
Food Security	\$450,000			
Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture	\$457,000	WA, OR, ID	\$423,000	ID, OR, WA
Small Fruit Research	\$400,000	OR, WA, ID	\$325,000	OR, WA, ID
STEEP	\$870,000			
PM-10 Air Quality Study	\$438,000		\$436,000	
CSREES - Extension				
Diabetes Detection, Prevention	\$924,000		\$926,000	
Defense				
Soldier Systems - Food Packaging Systems 6.2	\$1,700,000	Army		
CADADIC	\$1,300,000	Air Force		
Composites Development for Navy Low Rise Construction			\$2,000,000	Navy
Energy & Water				
UW & WSU Extension Forestry	\$600,000		\$900,000	
Plateau Center for American Indian Studies	\$500,000			
LHHS				
Center for Reproductive Biology	\$100,000		\$500,000	
WSU Training and Recruitment	\$50,000			
Transportation				
Transportation Research Center			\$1,500,000	